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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

A three-month extension of time from May 14, 2008, up to and including August 14, 2008, is hereby respectfully requested to respond to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2008 in the above referenced application. In view of the large entity status, the extension fee of \$1,050.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is being paid via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Electronic Filing System's credit card payment option. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Thursday, August 14, 2008.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be required to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721 referencing attorney docket number 0492479-0160.

Respectfully submitted,

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